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KUANG-CHOU TRUCK COMPANIES TO RESUME OPERATION;
ROAD OPEN FROM PEI-P'ING TO KUANG-CHOU

KWANGTUNG -- KWANGSI TRUCK ROUTES TO OPEN SOON -- Wen-hui Pao, 28 Nov 49

Kuang-chou -- Now that the cities of Kuei-lin and Liu-chou, and most of the highways in Kwangtung and Kwangsi provinces have been liberated, the trucking companies in Kuang-chou are planning to resume operations between Kuang-chou and Liu-chou. From Kuang-chou, the trucks will run on the highway which goes to Shao-kuan and then to Heng-yang. From Heng-yang, the highway runs southward 157 kilometers to Ling-ling, and from Ling-ling, 208 kilometers to Kuei-lin. From Kuei-lin to Liu-chou the trucks will go through Li-p'u. Liu-chou will be the terminal of the trucking lines until Nan-ning, which is located 160 kilometers farther to the south, is liberated from the Nationalists.

PEI-P'ING TO KUANG-CHOU TAKES 25 DAYS BY AUTO -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 25 Nov 49

Kuang-chou, 24 November -- According to a recent arrival from Pei-p'ing, it took him 25 days to reach Kuang-chou by automobile, but the trip was not too difficult. He reported that the highways by which he traveled are well maintained and protected.

The first leg of the trip was over the highway from Pei-p'ing to Shang-hai which runs parallel to the T'ien-ching--P'u-k'ou railroad line. From Shang-hai, the highway extends to Hang-chou, then to Chin-hua, Nan-ch'ang, Chi-an, Kan-chou, Ta-yu, Shao-kuan, and finally to Kuang-chou. Many people, including merchants, are now using this route. The traveler reported that Nan-ch'ang is becoming the main commercial center between Kuang-chou and Shang-hai.

P'A CHIANG RR BRIDGE COMPLETED -- Wen-hui Pao, 27 Nov 49

Kuang-chou -- Repair of the P'a Chiang railroad bridge on the Han-k'ou--Kuang-chou line was completed on 25 November 1949, and the bridge was opened for traffic the next day. The first train to go over the bridge was an all-car train from Kuang-chou which went as far north as Shao-kuan. This bridge is 102 meters long and 12 meters high. The water underneath the bridge is 6.5 meters deep. The bridge was built to withstand stress of E 35 to a maximum of E 50 (represents unit stress per unit deformation), which would include the heaviest locomotive in China.

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TRAIN FARES TO BE INCREASED -- Wen-hui Pao, 28 Nov 49

Pei-p'ing, 27 November (NUNA) -- The Ministry of Railroads of the Central People's government has approved the following train fare increases, effective 28 November 1949. In North China, the present rate of 16 yuan per kilometer will be increased to 56 yuan, and in South China, 20 to 70 yuan. The rate of increase on the express trains and the use of sleepers is as much as 250 per cent.

From Pei-p'ing to Shang-hai, the new fare for third-class passengers will cost 72,050 yuan, from Pei-p'ing to T'ien-ching, 7,850 yuan, and from Pei-p'ing to Shan-hai-kuan, 22,200 yuan. Second class will cost exactly twice the amount of the third class, and first class, double the amount of second class. A special rate has been provided for students with monthly or seasonal tickets; in the north, a monthly ticket, limited to a distance of 20 kilometers, will cost a student 9,400 yuan, and in the south, 11,750 yuan.

CHAC, CATC EQUIPMENT TO GO TO PEI-P'ING -- Hsin-sheng Wen-pao, 21 Nov 49

An unconfirmed report states that although the airplanes and equipment belonging to the China National Aviation Corporation and Central Air Transport Corporation at the Ch'i-te (Kai-tak) airfield have been frozen by the Hong Kong authorities and may not be removed from the airfield, the officials of the above airlines are now trying to transport to Pei-p'ing equipment, not yet frozen, which was moved to Chin-pa-li-tao and T'u-kua-wan warehouses before the revolt.

Another unconfirmed report says that the two airlines plan to use the steamship Hu-nan of the Taikoo Navigation Company to transport the machinery from the two places to Pei-p'ing via T'ien-ching. They are also trying to arrange passage aboard the same steamer for families of high officials now in Communist China.

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